

April 21, 2023

BY HAND

Honorable Steven James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House, Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. James:

In compliance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 3, §7 as amended, I am returning herewith the requested memorandum, petition and accompanying docket.

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IN RESPECT TO THE PETITION OF DYLAN A. FERNANDES FOR LEGISLATION
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cc: John Rosenberry, Legislative Director, Room 337, State House

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To: The Honorable Senate and
House of Representatives

On March 23, 2023 the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmitted the above-referenced petition to me with a request for a memorandum pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 3 § 7.

The docket before you seeks to establish a Martha’s Vineyard housing bank, a body politic and corporate and a public instrumentality (hereinafter “the Housing Bank”). The purpose of the Housing Bank shall be “creating and preserving both year-round housing and community housing.” The powers conferred upon the Housing Bank shall be deemed to be the performance of an essential governmental function.

Special legislation is necessary to create this corporation. This office has no opinion on the merits of the proposed docket. No fee is required to be paid the Commonwealth by a corporation of this type.

Respectfully submitted,

William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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